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Every Week, we shall present "Our Guest Column," a non-profit service of the American Press Associates devoted to furthering group understanding. Edited by ERNA P. HARRIS, noted journalist, our new weekly column will feature prominent guest contributors who will review current developments on the minority group front and suggest local and nationwide action.

OUR GUEST COLUMN

(Edited by ERNA P. HARRIS)

Minorities and the American Community

by Kinney

of the bourgeois culture, but the modern man who finds himself "obsolete," must be led in the present universal confusion.

The question of who shall lead becomes, then, all-important. For there are those who seem to believe quite seriously that we should give all our attention to international issues, since domestic problems will solve themselves if we can solve world problems. Such reasoning is seductive. It is pleasant to believe that as Americans we have the ultimate in desirable social formulae to offer the rest of the world. Bemoaned by the Atlantic Charter and the mystical four freedoms, we seem to forget our Mississippi and our Buxton, our Jew-baiters, and Negro baiters, our General Motors and our C. E. Wilsons. But it would seem that before we offer a way of life to the rest of the world we should examine the worth of our proposed gift.

International isolationism, so to speak, can be as dangerous as America firstism. Both are rampant today. The protagonists of international cooperation, including Senator Vandenberg, will render neither the world nor America much good in this critical hour if they (consciously or unconsciously or not) blind us to our national defects and the wave of fascism threatening to engulf us.

The National CIO Community Services Committee has worked actively in communities throughout America during the war and into the peace as the CIO's social welfare and relief arm. The Committee has fought discrimination against any and all minorities in certain community chests and social service agencies. The broad experience gained in community relations has given the Committee a clear picture of the frightening extent to which fear, ignorance, prejudice and reaction permeate the body of American society.

This consists not only of racial prejudice and prejudice against organized labor and fear of progressive social and political action, but also of reaction against the sheer principles of democracy. The desperate need for the unity of all progressive forces throughout the country has been clearly demonstrated, but confusion and political fractionalism are becoming increasingly an obstacle. At no time has the garden-variety liberal better deserved the epithet of "confused."

The United Nations now are meeting in London, and world peace and security are at stake. World cooperation must be achieved, clearly, even cooperation between shabby government which deny democracy to their own citizens. But essentially, over the years, world peace, world security and world freedom begin at home, on the banks of the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers and in our myriad Detroit and Garys.

PROTEST ON DISCHARGE OF FIELD OFFICERS

Washington, D. C.—Negro officers of field grade who have expressed a desire to remain in the army are being summarily dismissed at Fort McClellan, Ala. it was charged by the NAACP in a wire to Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson. The association's protest said subordinate commanders were being discriminated against.

Union Services

Union Services will be held at St. John AME Church, 22nd and Willis Avenue, Sunday, January 20th. Devotional Services at 7:30 pm. Sermon at 8:00 pm. The speaker will be Rev. F. C. Williams, pastor of Zion Baptist Church. Music by Zion's Senior Choir.

South Omaha YMCA Given Official Status

Visitors to the South Omaha Branch of the YMCA Association by action of the Association's board of directors.

CHURCH OF GOD

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The first providing for Articles of Government under which the branch will operate. These Articles had been adopted by the unanimous decision of South Omaha Branch Committee of Management, first to be appointed later. The names submitted and approved by the Board and officially appointed by the President are: William Kunold, Ben Prosch, David Blacker, Rev. George S. Bancroft, Chris Gugas, William Bergquist, Albert Skelling, Henry Messner, Guy Chipman, Rev. Joseph A. Aughey, Fred Wido, Herbert Wells, Ralph Marrs, John Nixon, Joseph Swoboda, and Chauncey Premer.

J. F. Berner reported on the activities of the new near Northside Branch explaining that temporary YMCA headquarters have been established in an office of the Jewell Building at 2221 North 24 Street. Parts of this building have been rented by Youth Centers, Inc., and the following five agencies share in its use: YWCA, Urban League, City Recreation, Youth Centers, Inc., and YMCA. The YMCA is not responsible for the operation of this building, explained Mr. Berner, but are donating part of Secretary Bradford's time to assist the Community Welfare Council in its management.

The Branch Committee will meet Wednesday noon for election of chairman and addition of committee members. General Secretary, W. H. Mead, in his report announced that Glenn Gillespie, now General Secretary at McCook, Nebraska, has accepted the Omaha YMCA's offer to become Executive of the North Omaha Committee effective on March 1st. This will complete the for the YMCA's program of advance in community work this year. Al Getchey, Industrial Secretary, has been given the additional responsibility of Business Secretary in the Central Building.

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NEW OFFICE SECRETARY AT OMAHA URBAN LEAGUE

Miss Ovalyn Grice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grice of 1516 North 28 Street, was selected by the Personnel Committee of the Urban League Board to replace Mrs. Elma F. Lloyd as Office and Placement Secretary.

Miss Grice is a graduate of Technical High School and until her recent appointment, was employed by the State Health Department as a junior stenographer. She has been closely associated with League youth groups and served as president of the Omaha Negro Youth Council for two yrs.

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Orchestra Leader Buys "L" Garage

The famous band leader, Mr. Nat Towles and a Mr. Alfred A. Fiedler, bought the New L. Garage building at 24th and Lake—so shows the record.

The purchase price was approximately \$8,500.00. So far, we have been unable to contact Mr. Towles to find out what he expects to do with the building.

(Watch next week's paper for a statement on his plans.)

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER OPENING SET FOR 3:30 P. M. SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A committee consisting of Miss Elizabeth Jordan, Mrs. Ruth Wiles, Gaines T. Bradford and Arthur E. McCaw, completed plans for the formal opening of the new Northside Community Center at the old USO building, 24th and Grant Sts., Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm.

Talks will be given by Mr. Fred Hill, Asst. Superintendent of Schools and chairman of the Group Work Division of the Community Welfare Council; Mr. Ralph Adams, member of the newly elected board of the new Northside YMCA and prominent attorney; and Mrs. Robbie T. Davis of the public schools.

Musical selections will be given by the Imperialists under the direction of Mr. Walter Bell with solos by Lester Corbin and Mrs. Colleen St. Clair. Invocation will be by Rev. E. B. Childress and the benediction by Rev. S. S. Spaght.

The Republican and other enemies of the late President Roosevelt, even though it involves still further stalling on needed social legislation.

"It is time this mockery of an investigation was stopped and the Senate encouraged to go to work on issues of concern to the people rather than the politicians."

Every Nebraskan will have an opportunity to participate in Nebraska's biggest March of Dimes drive, now underway to continue through January 31, Walter F. Cozad, Omaha State Chairman, announced as the drive opened Monday.

With 120 cases of polio reported in Nebraska last year, Nebraskans, like the nation, have had an opportunity to see the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in action, Mr. Cozad said. During 1945 the state received \$63,000 from the National organization to assist against local chapters carry on the fight against the disease.

Adequate treatment and care of the infantile paralysis patient requires months, sometimes even years, of nursing and medical service and this is costly, Mr. Cozad said. At an average cost of \$2,500 for each patient, it is too costly for the average American family to carry the load unassisted by local chapters of the National Foundation.

"Your dimes and dollars serve your own community and the nation," the State Chairman said in asking Nebraskans to support the March of Dimes drive. He emphasized that all contributions would be sent to local March of Dimes chapters.

Local chapters retain half of all contributions for care and treatment of polio victims in their own communities. The other half goes to the National Foundation for research, training of personnel and epidemic emergency aid.

Dear Mr. McCaw and Mr. Bell: All day Friday, after your dramatic concert on Thursday evening at our Parent-Teacher meeting, I kept receiving messages by phone or note expressing pleasure at your appearance. Several parents who had not been present expressed regret at their absence. Word got around that the children made a special point to let me and their teachers know how much their parents had enjoyed the music.

It is and will be the high performance of our year. It is a very fine thing to assemble a group of young people together for such artistic development and then to make it possible for other people to enjoy the products of their activities.

I hope you have the very best success in your proposed concert tour.

Sincerely,
Signed: Zell R. Sahn

Principal of Bancroft School Commends Choir

NEW CIVILIAN AIDE—Lieutenant Colonel Marcus H. Ray, Chicago, Illinois, formerly commanding officer of the 600th Field Artillery Battalion of the 92nd Infantry ("Buffalo") Division was appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War on January 2, 1946.

Colonel Ray succeeds Mr. Truman K. Gibson, Jr., who held the post for three years before resigning on November 19, 1945. Colonel Ray's service in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations won him the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and the Italian honor, Cross of Merit of War. (U. S. Army photo from Bureau of Public Relations. 1-7-46.)

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Association Reports 500,000 Members and \$442,000 Income in '45

New York—F. H. LaGuardia, former Mayor of New York, was among the 16 persons elected to the board of directors of the NAACP at the annual meeting of the association January 7.

Other new members chosen were Norman O. Houston, president of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles, Calif., and The Smalls, De. Maccres, Ia., business man and president of the Iowa State conference of NAACP branches.

Members re-elected include: Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, Berkeley, Calif.; S. Ralph Harlow, Northampton, Mass.; Mrs. Grace B. Fenderson, New York; Mrs. J. H. Murphy, Baltimore, Md.; Judge William H. Hastie, Washington, D. C.; Dr. William Allan Neilson, Falls Village, Conn.; and Miss Marion Cuthbert, Judge Hubert T. Dotson, Lewis S. Gannett, John Hammond, Rev. James H. Robinson, Arthur B. Springarn, and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, all of New York.

Colored peoples throughout the world, who constitute two-thirds of the earth's population, are determined to end white exploitation and imperialism, declared Walter White in his report to the meeting.

The NAACP faces a new year with undimmed determination, he said. Its membership has reached an all-time high of both Negro and white members, totaling 500,000. Its branches, youth councils and college chapters now total 1129—more than twice the number in 1943. Significant victories were won in 1945 against housing segregation, against the poll tax, against discrimination in employment and in the armed services, the poll tax, lynching, housing and fair employment practice. An expanded program of specific program and blue discharge certificate cases of Negro veterans which are inordinately disproportionate because of race prejudice. We shall continue a vigorous legislative campaign—both in the national Congress and in State Legislatures—for needed legislation dealing with employment, voting, racial discrimination, segregation in armed services, the poll tax, lynching, housing and fair employment practice. An expanded program of specific program and blue discharge certificate cases of Negro veterans which are inordinately disproportionate because of race prejudice. We shall continue a vigorous legislative campaign—both in the national Congress and in State Legislatures—for needed legislation dealing with employment, voting, racial discrimination, segregation in armed services, the poll tax, lynching, housing and fair employment practice.

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A fight during 1946 for absolute equality of educational facilities and expenditure, between Negro and white students in the southern states where segregation is required by law, was pledged by Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel, reporting for the legal department. The report forecast that the coming year will see a large number of cases filed in states below the Mason-Dixon line to compel equality in the local school systems.

In voting cases the report also pledged continued vigilance against efforts of election officials in the southern states to enforce the "white primary," outlawed in the famous 1944 Texas White Primary case decision, brought to the US Supreme Court by the NAACP. Discriminatory registration practices and the poll tax were attacked in the report. Cases involving these principles are already filed and others are now ready for filing in a number of southern states.

Charters were granted during the past year to 170 new branches of the association, located in 31 states and the Territory of Hawaii. The greatest expansion was in Texas, where 42 new chapters were chartered, according to the report of Ella J. Baker, director of branches. The NAACP has branches in all states except New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Montana, North Dakota, and Alaska.

Membership in the Youth department increased by one-third during 1945, said Mrs. Ruby Hurley, secretary for youth work. The present youth membership is 22,180 with 5,485 of these being in college chapters. Incomplete tabulations place the total membership for 1945 near the 500,000 mark, with many final reports from many areas not yet received.

Gross income for the year was \$442,000, of which approximately \$403,000 came in one form or another from the rank and file membership. This total includes \$65,000 sent in by men and women white and colored, in the armed services.

The Crisis magazine, official monthly of the NAACP, reported an average circulation during '45 of 59,000 copies monthly. Its gross income was \$79,992, according to Roy Wilkins, editor.

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